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ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

BOSTON, MAY, 1891.

R. B. HOWARD, EDITOR.

—The Secretary recently presented the cause of Peace, at West Medford and Arlington Heights, Mass., and at Eliot, Me.

—Julia Ward Howe, who has omitted the pleasant little "receptions" formerly given by her in the interest of Peace, proposes to resume her honored custom if practicable on June 2 of this year.

—The following papers published our circular in whole or part as to Peace meetings in connection with the Columbian Exposition of 1893 and sent us copies of the same:

The Kennebec Journal, Augusta, Maine; *The Standard*, Ogden, Utah; *The Commonwealth*, Boston; *The Watchman*, Boston; *The Sun*, New York City.

—Rev. Reuben Thomas, D.D., of Brookline, Mass., has been again invited to fill the pulpit in the City Temple, London, of which Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker is pastor, during his vacation in July and August. Dr. Thomas will probably accept.

—Hon. Thomas Gaffield of Boston, who was for several years an efficient member of the executive committee of the American Peace Society, has recently returned from an extensive foreign trip and on renewing his annual donation writes:

"The cause of Peace is a noble one. I never felt its value more than during my last visit to Europe, in 1890."

—Several persons had contributed to a "Testimonial" to be handed President Tobey on the anniversary of his birth and marriage, when the news of his fatal sickness and sudden death put an end to the plan. By consent of the donors, R. C. Winthrop, Thomas H. Russell, J. Henry Stickney, Rufus S. Frost, J. E. Farwell, Charles F. Thwing, D. Richards, H. J. Bailey and N. T. Allen, the sum which had been raised for the above purpose was handed to Mrs. Tobey.

—The New York Mutual Life Insurance Company with its usual promptness paid the \$20,000 policy on the life of Hon. E. S. Tobey.

—Pennsylvania University at West Philadelphia has assigned an alcove in their new Library building for peace literature.

—The Bishop of Durham, better known as "Canon Wescott," recently wrote Rev. W. E. Darby: "I am most deeply thankful for the great progress which has been made in cause of peace during the last two years." The Bishop is one of the officers of the London Peace society. No man stands higher in the English Church.

A BLUNDER, IF NOT A CRIME.

Some of the Republican leaders who exert great influence in the United States Senate are evidently ashamed and penitent for the action of that body in rejecting the Congo State treaty in which seventeen nations agreed, notwithstanding the large gin trade of Holland, to exclude spirituous liquors, fire-arms and slaves from Africa. It seems the Arab slavers feel stronger when near the United States flag floating proudly on some naval ship. (And yet our newspapers cry for a big navy and President Harrison advocates the placing of war-ships in all great commercial ports abroad.) [Speech at Galveston, Texas.] In the same way rum-makers and rum-sellers shelter themselves, on the high seas, under the stars and stripes. We are glad to learn that the King of Belgium has given the United States more time—till after Congress meets—in order that it may reconsider the vote rejecting the treaty. The United States entered into the Conference of Nations and should adopt and abide by its decisions.

COST OF COAST DEFENCES.

Senator Hawley of Connecticut estimates that \$125,000,000 would make a good beginning of necessary coast defences. Those who know the usual difference between estimates and expenditures know this to be *only* a beginning. Yet Senator Hawley is surprised at the apathy of the people as to these defences. Nobody is anxious to throw away his money where it will do no good and may do harm, unless he is drunk or crazy. Senator Hawley is a good and great man but, if he maintains these views, no peace man can vote for him for President.

AN ARAB ANTI-RUM CONGRESS.

While Christian nations were holding their Anti-Slavery Congress at the Capitol of Belgium and resolving to "search all vessels suspected of having slaves on board confiscating the vessels and returning the slaves," it is said the Arabs met at Khartoum and passed the following:

"*Resolved*, To surround the entire coast of Africa with a cordon of armed ships, to confiscate every European vessel containing liquors and sell the crews into slavery."

Condone the sins that they're inclined to
By damning those they have no mind to.

BEQUESTS TO SUSTAIN AND EXTEND PEACE.

I give and bequeath to *The American Peace Society*, incorporated by the State of Massachusetts, the sum of ——— for the purposes of said Society.

Had it not been for the gifts of those who now enjoy the peace of Heaven, this Society must have suspended its work of endeavoring to have the will of God done on earth as it is in Heaven.